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MORE LIES NAILED.

Wausa, Neb., Aug. 5, 1898.—Mr. Chas. H. Johnson, Norfolk, Neb.: Dear Sir—I wish to state that we are highly pleased with the New Chickering Piano you delivered to us recently. We also greatly appreciate your fair treatment in the transaction. I was recently in a large music house and the manager told me the Chickering was the finest upright piano made. He had a dozen or more different makes on the floor, and showed me the differences why the Chickering was superior. The main points he called attention to were the materials and workmanship, the sweetness and volume of tone, which he said could not be found or produced in any other make. He fully convinced me by playing and otherwise that he was right in his statements. I was always a little prejudiced, thinking it mostly in the name for which one paid from one to three hundred dollars extra, but I must admit I was wrong, and that, like many others, I have paid for my knowledge and experience. I bought my first piano from a large and responsible dealer—A. Hospe of Omaha—and while it was not sold for the best instrument made, I soon found out that it did not possess any of the qualifications and material for which it was sold. At that time I did not know the first thing about a piano. It was sold under the representation that it had a certain make of action when it had nothing of the kind. Ivory keys, when it had nothing but celluloid, and several other things. After about two years' light use these keys shrunk and became uneven, and certain parts of the action defective, and under the guarantee given me I asked for their repairs but soon discovered it was but a waste of time to look for them. In outward appearance the piano looked even better than the one purchased of you. In making comparisons I found the best makes have plain cases, while the cheaper ones have the fancy cases with more or less carvings and cheap scroll work, just like a cheap buggy with cheap fancy trimmings. Still they have the galls—some of them—to ask first class instruments prices. I shall not hesitate to recommend you to all who wish to buy a fine instrument and receive fair treatment.

Yours Truly,

T. A. ANTHONY.

A year later he writes—"The Chickering Piano purchased of you has fully met all of Mrs. Anthony's expectations as far as I know—and I know it has mine—for sweetness and volume of tone I don't think it has an equal." April 9, 1900, he writes; "our piano is all right, just as good as ever, if anything a little better sounding. Mrs. Anthony is delighted; has tried a good many instruments but thinks there is none that equal the Chickering save possibly the Steinway" and last year he writes: "See my friend Mr. ... They are trying to sell him a cheap piano. Refer him to me and tell him my experience cost me \$325.00." Mr. Anthony is president of the Farmers State bank at Wausa, is recognized as one of Nebraska's most reliable citizens, and any one can write him and ask his opinion concerning the Chickering he bought from me as compared with the piano he bought from the "reliable, well known Mr. Hospe."

For years we have been offering the people of Norfolk what is universally recognized as the highest possible attainment in piano making and had to compete with the scum of the earth. Mr. Hospe is agent for the Knabe, and any one who knows anything at all about pianos knows that the great fight for supremacy stands between the Chickering, Steinway and Knabe. Why don't the Hospe outfit bring the Knabe and put it up in their bargain list? Simply because they know they can't meet our prices on reliable goods and can only cover their extra expenses by working off cheap junk.

When Chickering comes in competition with them it has been their custom to resort to all sorts of vilification of the Chickering Co. and their product. Their Mr. Ward, particularly, has been circulating his falsehoods to such an extent that he can only thank his good fortune and the leniency of Chickering & Sons that the evidence at hand is not yet in the hands of the courts. Many Norfolk citizens and others throughout north Nebraska, who have been through the experience will testify to the truthfulness of what we represent, and know that what is claimed by the Hospe outfit is just as far from the truth as their statements that "they have sold pianos for 30 years without a dissatisfied customer." If you want the best value for your money, you will see us before you buy.

CHAS. H. JOHNSON.

EXPLAINS FREE DELIVERY.

There is Some Misapprehension About the Service.

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE.

Carriers Have Not Yet Been Appointed Officially—Will be Some Delay on This Account—Location of Letter Boxes in Norfolk.

"There seems to be misapprehension," said Postmaster Hays this morning, "in regard to the free delivery service which is booked to start in this city next Monday morning. It seems to be the general notion around Norfolk that when those letter carriers start out for the first time, everyone living in the district covered will receive mail without any previous arrangements whatever."

"As a matter of fact, though, it isn't that way at all. In order to get the benefits of the free delivery system, persons must make definite arrangements at this office for it. No mail will be delivered except to those parties who let us know that is what they want."

It is hardly likely that the carriers will start out on Monday morning as scheduled, for as yet no official appointments have been received at the post office and before a single letter can be given to a carrier, he must have filed a bond and had it approved.

The location of the letter boxes will be:

Route 1. U. P. depot; Northwestern city station; Oxnard hotel; Pacific hotel; Norfolk avenue and Fourth street; Park avenue and Fourth street.

Route 2. Norfolk avenue and Ninth street; Nebraska avenue and Tenth street; Taylor avenue and Ninth street; Norfolk avenue and Thirteenth; Phillip avenue and Twelfth.

Route 3. Bluff avenue and Fourth street; Northwestern station (main line); Omaha avenue and First street; Cleveland street and Michigan avenue; Cleveland and Second street.

PERSONAL.

G. H. Whaley left last night for Ne-  
b., where he goes to attend graduation exercises.

Dr. K. W. Williams left this morning for a trip through north Nebraska and parts of Iowa, to visit patients. She will be gone several days.

Congressman J. J. McCarthy and Representative Mikesell, of Ponca, were in Norfolk last night.

Dr. R. A. Mittelsadt, dentist, Bishop block. Telephone 60.

TEACHERS NEXT WEEK.

Madison County Institute to be Held in Norfolk.

The Madison county teachers' institute will be held in Norfolk next week and there will be many visitors from all parts of the country. There will be a considerable demand for rooms and board, and those having rooms to rent will confer a favor on the visiting teachers by leaving information as to rates and location with Superintendent O'Connor. Heretofore complaint has been made by visiting teachers that Norfolk people ask too much for rooms and board, rates being in excess of what is charged in other towns. People should remember that the majority of teachers do not receive large salaries and should favor them with as low rates as possible. The visitors will appreciate such a concession and will more frequently visit Norfolk if they are accorded fair treatment.

WARNERVILLE.

The Omaha Elevator company shipped a carload of hogs to South Omaha Friday.

Ed Sager will go to Kearney next Sunday to work upon the railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Zell McGinnis welcomed a son of regulation weight to their home Saturday.

Mrs. Leonard returned to her home in Albion Monday, after a visit of several days with her daughter, Mrs. James Lodge.

Rock salt in any quantity.  
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THE CHICKERING CONTEST.

Result of Morning's Count in the Contest for a Chickering Piano.

The following is the vote:  
M. E. church ..... 3,615  
Eastern Star lodge ..... 2,159  
Christ Lutheran church ..... 2,384  
Olive Redman ..... 3,500  
Hazel Adams ..... 3,218

WETTEST MAY IN 26 YEARS.

Fraction of an Inch Will Make This Month a Record Breaker.

With the inch of additional rainwater that has fallen today, this month is made the wettest May, save one, in twenty-six years of time, for this section of the country. In 1881 the rainfall for May was slightly over six inches, but the average for over a quarter of a century has been but 3.41. The mark for this month in Norfolk has very nearly reached the half foot notch and if the water keeps on falling, the maximum moisture for May in many, many years will be surpassed. This month, a year ago, recorded 3.25 inches.

No blowing blizzard has ever whipped the streets of Norfolk more completely bare of people than has the disagreeable, stubborn and persistent drizzle of today. Business is practically at a standstill and no one ventures out except those who are forced into the open

by their work, such as drivers, policemen and reporters.

It is a thin looking rain that has fallen, but with a stiff wind from the north it is beaten into sheets and whisked around quite indiscriminately. On this account it has been a difficult proposition to manage umbrellas and many of them have been torn inside out.

Work on the government building has been absolutely suspended on account of the storm and trains have been slightly delayed.

Don't forget the date Dr. Barnes will be at the Pacific hotel, Tuesday, June 2.

NEW PIANO HOUSE FOR NORFOLK

A. Hospe Co., of Omaha, Will Remain Permanently in This City.

A. Hospe Co., of Omaha, have opened a branch house in this city and will remain in Norfolk permanently. This city has an ideal location as a distributing point for their line of stock, and they will hereafter be among the business firms of the city. H. R. Ward will be in charge of the house, and R. H. Brantley will hereafter make Norfolk his headquarters, in connection with the new store. Mr. Ward has for many years traveled out of this city, covering all of north Nebraska, and he has for a long time wanted to put in a branch house with a stock constantly on hand. This will enable the firm to reach patrons in surrounding towns much more directly than from Omaha, since the railroad facilities are excellent and a large territory is tributary to the city.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING.

West Side Whist Club Banquet.

The West Side Whist club held its final meeting in the Pacific hotel last night, closing the season with a banquet. Members of the club assembled in the parlors of the hotel at 7:30 and began playing the last hands of the year. For three hours the game was continued, prizes going to Mr. Rainbolt and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield. At 10:30 the guests were seated about a long table in the dining room, where the banquet was served. Mr. W. H. Buchholz was toastmaster for the occasion and the following responded: Dr. Bear, "The Game;" Mrs. Frank Salter, "What's Trump;" Mr. D. Mathewson, "A Time for all Things;" Mrs. W. N. Huse, "The Winning Side." Pretty menu cards served as souvenirs of the evening which was made especially pleasant by an admirable service in handling the several courses, while pink and white carnations at each plate added to the effect.

Bachelor Girls 7 O'clock Tea.

Members of the Bachelor Girls club and a few outside guests were entertained last evening at a very pretty 7 o'clock tea, by Miss Edith Morrow and Miss Anne Seymour, who are soon to leave the city. The party was given at the Morrow home, in south Tenth street, and covers were laid for seventeen ladies. Dainty place cards, cleverly designed by Mrs. A. J. Durland, bore each a suggestion from which a story by the holder was required. Following the last toothsome course at the table, toasts were wittily responded to by members and guests as follows: "Five Little Kittens," Miss May Durland; "The Bachelor Girls' Twenty Years From Now," Miss Nellie Morrow; "How to Bring up Children," Mrs. Huntington; "How to Land a Fish," Mrs. C. H. Reynolds.

Miss Morrow goes to Sedro-Wooley, Wash., and Miss Seymour to California, next Thursday.

BRYAN'S ADDRESS YESTERDAY.

Great Leader of His Party Pays Tribute to Mr. Robinson.

At the grave of Mr. Robinson yesterday afternoon, W. J. Bryan, in his brief address, said:

"It is hard to part from those we love and yet I never stand beside the grave of those I love without feeling that those who mourn are not without hope. I have never been able to convince myself that the best part of one is even buried or that death is really the end of life. I would as soon think of the sun going out at noonday."

"When Mr. Robinson died he left more than fortune to his family and to his country and his life that is worthy to be mourned. Let us, as we stand about the grave, say farewell to him. I am glad that I have had the blessing of his friendship as a beneficiary of his life. I came from my home this morning to say farewell to the body, yet believing there is no influence like his."

A Historic Lemon.

Who ever thinks of connecting such a commonplace article of diet as the lemon with the romantic history of ill fated Anne Boleyn? Yet indirectly she was the cause of its first introduction into England and so into popular notice. Henry VIII gave such splendid feasts and pageants in honor of the coronation of Anne and of their previous nuptials as had seldom been accorded to queens of the blood royal. These kingly entertainments were in turn followed by the great civic feasts of London, for which the whole world was searched for delicacies to add to the splendor.

At one such banquet, graced by the presence of the royal pair, a lemon was introduced as an elegant novelty. To an epicure such as Henry the acquisition of a castle in France would have proved less acceptable, and such was the importance attached to the discovery, so says an old biographer, that a special record was made of the fact that the cost of this precious lemon was six silver pennies!

It is a sign you are growing old when you read the obituary before the marriage notices.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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H. R. WARD,

Manager Norfolk Branch.